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House Ethics Panel Votes 9-0 to Censure Roybal of California

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House Ethics Committee voted nine-to-zero to recommend that the House censure Rep. Edward R. Roybal (D., Calif.) for his part in the South Korean influence-buying scandal.

The recommendation was based on a finding that Rep. Roybal accepted and failed to report properly a \$1,000 campaign contribution from South Korean rice dealer Tong-sun Park, that he diverted the funds to his own use and that he lied when he originally testified that he had received nothing of value from Mr. Park.

(The committee later recommended that the House reprimand Rep. Charles Wilson (D., Calif.) for denying the receipt of a \$1,000 cash wedding gift from Mr. Park, United Press International reported. Rep. Wilson later acknowledged receiving the gift. The committee vote was eight to one.)

Censure is stronger than a reprimand. It requires that the Congressman stand in front of the full House while the findings against him are read. The last House censure was in 1921 against Rep. Thomas Blanton of Texas, who was accused of introducing an obscene resolution.